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## Council Worksession Explores Greenbelt Station Possibilities

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council held another of its stakeholder worksessions on June 11, this time with representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), operators of the Metro transit lines and area bus service. Also present at their request were representatives of Petrie Ross Ventures (PRV), the designated developer of WMATA's Greenbelt Metro Station property. Plans call for a mixed use, transit-oriented community called Greenbelt Station North Core.

In the past WMATA officials have been reluctant to meet with officials from local jurisdictions in this type of venue. WMATA's willingness to meet with Greenbelt representatives was described by Andy Scott of the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), who was present at the meeting, as a "sea change in how WMATA does things." Scott believes that WMATA's new involvement will, in the end, get projects that are better and done sooner.

Scott noted that a large amount of acreage around Metro stations is ready to be developed. SHA wants to be a partner with WMATA, he said.

Scott also praised Nat Bottigheimer, chief WMATA spokesperson at the meeting, who previously had worked for SHA.

Opening the meeting, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis asked Bottigheimer, "What is a transit-oriented development?"

He responded that he viewed it as a pedestrian-oriented development. "If you take all stakeholders and a station, get them all together and have them state their goals for the site, you will come up with a smart-growth solution," he said. Davis responded that she looked for such a development to be designed for mixed-income occupancy as well as for mixed use, but it should also include arts and recreation. Davis also expressed concern about school needs. She noted that a board of education study of needs for

Greenbelt West was not completed when AIMCO's plans to redevelop the Springhill Lake apartments fell apart.

### Parking

The city council particularly is concerned that the proposed plan for Greenbelt Station includes one large parking structure to replace existing station parking. In the preliminary plan, this large building would be adjacent to the main north-south connector road within the development.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts referred to a similar massive parking structure at the College Park Metro station as "ugly."

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze noted the city's objections to Metro's insistence that station parking must be separate from other parking, not shared with other development uses and be in one place, not scattered throughout the area.

A further complication stems from the city's agreement with PRV on site development, which specified that parking structures not front on the major roads at the Metro Station. PRV thus considers as one possible solution placing store fronts adjacent to the parking structure along the north-south road.

Councilmember Edward Putens, after learning that WMATA sought

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## Candidates Sought For Cassels Award

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative is accepting applications for the 3rd Annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award to recognize an organization or group that has made significant contributions to the Greenbelt community. It will take the form of a \$1,000 grant to be used for a project or activity during the following year and will be given on the basis of the application and subsequent consideration by a panel comprised of members of the cooperative.

Throughout his many years in the Greenbelt community, Jim Cassels was an outstanding co-operator. Whether helping local groups, mentoring new cooperatives, guiding the formation and realization of senior housing or getting up at the crack of dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House, he was tireless in making Greenbelt the place it is.

Applicants interested in being considered for the award should complete the application form available through the Co-op's office or online at [http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels\\_award](http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels_award). Applications should be returned to the Co-op's main office by September 15, 2008. The award ceremony will be held at the Cooperative's annual meeting in the fall.

## Here Are the Facts

*In an effort to correct misinformation published in an editorial in another local newspaper, the Gazette, the city had written the following letter to the Gazette for their June 5 issue. The letter, which has yet to appear in that publication, is being printed in the Greenbelt News Review and is on the city's website in order to get the widest possible circulation.*

### To the Editor of the Gazette:

In your May 22 editorial "Finding a Voice," the Gazette took note that the Springhill Lake neighborhood of Greenbelt does not have any representation on the Greenbelt City Council and took the City's at-large voting system to task. However, the Gazette's editorial has numerous factual errors that need to be corrected.

First, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, the Springhill Lake neighborhood does not have 10,000 residents. It had 6,443 residents or 30 percent of Greenbelt's population. There has been no Census update since then. Second, the Gazette says "there has never been a black council member or representation from Springhill Lake" on the City Council. This is not correct. Three past Council members were Springhill Lake residents when they were elected. One of them, Gil Weidenfeld, served 22 years on Council, including 15 as Mayor. Also, two current council members have called Springhill Lake home in the past. As to there being no black Council members, only two African-Americans have run in the past 30 years.

Third, it is alleged "the complex is left out of the loop during campaign season." This is far from true. Since 1991, the City has had a program that provides locations for city election candidates to post their campaign signs. There were nine locations citywide – three in Springhill Lake, three in Greenbelt East (east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway), and three in center Greenbelt. In the last election, 15 locations were identified, with five each in Springhill Lake and the other two areas. Also for the past three elections, sample ballots were produced and mailed by the city to each household in Greenbelt that had a registered voter in residence. The sample ballot was in addition to the notices sent out prior to each election by the County Board of Elections.

Finally, the editorial says the neighborhood is "overlooked by the system." This statement is blatantly false. Springhill Lake has the same access to city services as other residents and in a number of cases receives more. For example, in addition to regular police coverage, there is also an additional police officer assigned to the Springhill Lake neighborhood due to a public-private partnership between the City and AIMCO, the owners of the apartment complex. Springhill Lake is home to one of the City's two recreation centers, and Greenbelt CARES holds one of its family support programs at Springhill Lake Elementary in order to make participation easier for interested families.

In short, the City of Greenbelt has and will continue to support the residents of Springhill Lake. The City Council will hold a public meeting with the NAACP and the ACLU on June 30, 2008, to hear their concerns about the City's voting system. The meeting will be held in the Greenbelt Municipal Building starting at 7 p.m.

*Michael McLaughlin, City Manager*

## City Reports on Overpass Public Safety Action Plan

Citizen concerns about public safety in the vicinity of Gardenway and the Spellman Overpass were addressed in the city's first quarterly report on its action plan to make public safety-related improvements in the vicinity of Gardenway and the Spellman Overpass.

Incidents of crime in that area last year raised public concerns; the city's advisory boards agreed to study the issue and make recommendations to council. From those recommendations council developed an action plan that was approved on February 11.

The quarterly report addressed police presence, maintenance, education/outreach, emergency call boxes, security cameras and improved lighting. Regarding police presence, one or both school resource officers have been monitoring activity in the area of the overpass and paths leading to it every day, at the beginning and end of the school day. Police in the bike unit, K-9 unit and general patrol have been present on a regular basis.

As to maintenance, Public Works has maintained the area

to keep it clear of undergrowth. The National Park Service made repairs to holes in the fencing in January and there have been no subsequent reports of problems. Also the memorial plaque will be relocated and the existing base will be removed in the next couple of months.

Regarding education/outreach, the police department will conduct a community meeting co-hosted by the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), probably at the August 13 meeting of PSAC. Residents in the area will be able to sign up for email crime alerts at the meeting. A letter will be hand-delivered to each home in the vicinity noting the meeting and the department's effort to address residents' concerns.

The ordering and installation of call boxes and security cameras will be completed as soon as a schedule is established for Comcast to install the phone line. Installation is expected this month.

Regarding lighting, the lights on the path were checked May 19 and found to be appropriately bright.

## What Goes On

**Sunday, June 22**

**12:30 - 4 p.m.,** GHI House and Garden Tour, Start at GHI Administration Building, Hamilton Place

**Tuesday, June 24**

**2 to 8 p.m.,** Red Cross Blood Drive, Municipal Building

**Thursday, June 26**

**7 p.m.,** GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

## SHL Purchase Is Expected To Take Place on June 25

Empire American Holdings, LLC of Montvale, N.J., plans to take over Springhill Lake on June 25, it has been learned. A privately-owned holding company, Empire has said it will buy the property from AIMCO (Apartment Investment and Management Company) and rename it Empirian Village. Empire officials were to meet with city officials in Greenbelt this week and reportedly plan a three-year renovation that includes upgrading the infrastructure.

At a city council meeting June 2 Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, said that the new owner "is obliged to make good on all existing violations," which Craze reported were listed on 40 pages.

According to the company's website, Empire American Holdings is one of America's larg-

est privately-owned multifamily property owners with nearly 40,000 residential units in 17 states. The company also has commercial properties. A subsidiary company is Empire Insurance Holdings which owns four insurance agencies managing more than 50,000 policies. The company was formed by Ezra Beyman in 2006 but has holdings dating back to 1983 acquired by the Empire Equity Group, Inc. Beyman is president of Empire Equity Group, Inc. The company's holdings began with the acquisition of a small office building in New Jersey.

Notable holdings, according to the company, are "the elegant" Riverfront Apartments in Detroit, Mich., and Empirian on Central and on Steele, both in

See **SHL PLANS**, page 11



# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS!

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Grad Night '08 Committee wishes to extend our appreciation to the following businesses for their contributions to our Grad Night Celebration on May 27 at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Due to their generosity, we were able to have our 15th annual all night drug and alcohol free party for approximately 500 graduating seniors from the class of '08.

American Legion Post 136, Greenbelt; Atlanta Bread, Greenbelt; Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore; Bennigans, Greenbelt; Bowie Baysox, Bowie; Chevy's, Greenbelt; Chipotle, Greenbelt; Coca Cola, Capital Heights; Costco, Beltsville; D.C. United, Washington, D.C.; Domino's Pizza, Greenbelt; Fairland Sports and Aquatic Center, Laurel; Five Guy's, Greenbelt; Franklin's, Hyattsville; GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Laurel; Greenbriar Condominium Association, Greenbelt; Hard Times Café, College Park; Jaspers, Greenbelt; Long Fence, Capital Heights;

Monumental Vending, Beltsville; Popeyes, Greenbelt; Regal Theaters, Hyattsville; Safeway, Greenbelt; Starbucks, Greenbelt; Subway, Greenbelt; The Bagel Place, College Park; The Gardens Ice House, Laurel; Three Brothers, Greenbelt; and the Washington Redskins.

Special thanks goes to County Executive Jack Johnson for approving a special grant used for Grad Night. With the support of Michael McLaughlin, city manager, and Joe McNeal, director of operations for the Recreation Department, the City of Greenbelt allows us to use their wonderful facility every year. As always, Andrew Phelan and his staff from the Recreation Center, as well as Greenbelt Police Officers Rogers and Parker, were invaluable to making this event a success.

Prince George's County Schools Transportation Department supplied bus service to and from ERHS and the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Appreciation goes to the Principal of ERHS, Reginald McNeill, and Vice-Principal, Robyn Prince, who have been very supportive to the Grad Night '08 Committee. The Class of '08 Sponsor, Karen Bowers, has been invaluable to the success of this project as well as dozens of others for this class. Thanks so much to all you've done for our children.

Last, but not least, thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered countless hours to make Grad Night '08 a wonderful success!

*Ruth Harab (Co-chair  
ERHS Grad Night '08)*

## Outstanding Citizen

### Dear Neighbor:

With Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year's Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you!

Some outstanding citizens are spotted easily because of their creative leadership and high visibility within organizations. Or they may touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2008's Outstanding Citizen, that selection – the 36th since the award began in 1973 – is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our city's outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form on page 5. Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness.

Nominations are due on August 4, 2008. The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to the citizens of our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

*Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen  
Selection Committee  
94 Ridge Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2065*

## Traffic Light Needed

I would like to add my voice to those who have written to the News Review the past two weeks about crossing Crescent Road at the bottom of Northway/Stream Valley Park, across from St Hugh's school. I go that way at least once a day, usually with small children in tow. I would estimate that cars stop no more than half the time, despite the flashing

## Missing Something?

So are we! There are many articles and photos our readers have been searching the News Review to see in print . . . and that the staff has worried over for the same reason.

Each week we decide how many pages to print depending on the amount of advertising we receive to pay for the paper. Only very rarely does the press of time-critical news push us into publishing a bigger paper than that week's advertising can support.

In this very busy spring season, the past month of 12-page papers has left us with many major Greenbelt events, stories and photos that have been omitted for lack of space. You will be seeing those in coming weeks and may notice some are appearing long after the event and much later than we like. It's definitely not because we think those pieces lack importance or reader interest.

yellow light, brick crosswalk and "Stop for Pedestrians" sign in the middle of the road.

Some cars are just going too fast and some drivers are totally oblivious, talking on their cell phones. However, others are going slowly enough to stop but just do not do so. Some even make eye contact with me as they cruise on through. What else can I do, having pressed the button to make the lights flash? I feel it is a dangerous crossing, especially for older children who might be crossing it alone to get to the playground or to the city center.

It seems to me that the only thing left to do is to install a stoplight there, since drivers ignore every other measure we can think of to make them stop. It should not be too expensive to do so, since the button-operated flashing light is already there.

If anybody is interested in signing a petition to the city council, requesting a stoplight at this place on Crescent Road, please contact me at 301-220-1721 or [annegrndr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrndr@yahoo.com).

*Anne Gardner*

## More Traffic Woes

I wish to make a few comments on the "Traffic Woes" letter.

I live on Hillside and six mornings a week (usually between

## Grin Belt



"Dear graduating class of 2008, as you move into the era of \$4 per gallon gasoline . . ."

## On Screen

### Hide-and-Seek a la Française

"Roman de Gare" stars Fanny Ardant (8 Women) as a novelist and Dominique Pinon (Amelie) as her ghostwriter . . . perhaps. The movie's timeline is far from linear, as the camera follows characters who misrepresent themselves to their fans, their family and ultimately the audience.

The title translates as "travel reading" but the plot is much less predictable than the name suggests. It was scripted and directed by Claude Lelouch (A Man and a Woman), who describes the movie as a cinematic game of hide-and-seek with the viewer. The film is shown in French with English subtitles, rated R for language and sexual references and runs 103 minutes.

*– Cathy Jones*

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## BOARD MEETING

### SPECIAL SESSION GHI BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 26, 2008

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:00 PM

(Board Training Session Will Immediately Follow Meeting)

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of Membership Applications
- 2008 Townhouse Furnace Contract – 1st Reading
- 65A Ridge & 4H Hillside Sewer Relining Contract – 1st Reading
- Gutter Cleaning Contract – 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF June 20

## Roman de Gare

### (R)

#### Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:40

#### Saturday

\*2:45, \*5, 7:30, 9:40

#### Sunday

\*2:45, \*5, 7:30

#### Monday - Thursday

\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pgtheatres.com](http://www.pgtheatres.com)



# Community Events

## At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, June 24, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 25, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, June 26, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

## GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

**Sunday, June 22**, noon to 4 p.m., House and Garden Tour, starts at GHI Administration Bldg.

**Wednesday, June 25**, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, GHI Lobby

**Thursday, June 26**, 7 to 9 p.m., Board of Directors Training Session, Board Room

**Monday, June 30**, 7:30 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

**Thursday, June 19**, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors, Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Tour Highlights

### Healthy Options

The Greenbelt Co-op will host another informal tour and demonstration on Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. As part of the series of events focusing on healthier options, Kimberly Rush Lynch of Cultivating Health will offer ideas for healthy condiments and seasonings for the summer season.

In addition to presenting information about what consumers eat, Rush Lynch will demonstrate easy salad dressings for the summertime season. She'll also share some tips on finding out what's really in many common foods and beverages.

Rush Lynch is a health counselor and food educator and Greenbelt resident who has been involved in many organizations and is dedicated to bringing healthy and nutritious products to Greenbelt families.

The Co-op has a continuing schedule of free educational events including monthly cooking demonstrations. These events are free and open to the public.

For more community events see page 5 and 10.

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.  
1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

## Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 24 from 2 to 8 p.m. The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

To make an appointment through the Red Cross call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for those unable to make their appointment.

## Junior Park Ranger Applications Open

Applications for the 2008 Junior Ranger program are available at the Greenbelt Park headquarters, Greenbelt Park Ranger station and online at [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree). This program is for children eight to 12 years old.

Pre-registration is mandatory and all applications will be reviewed. Applicants will be contacted of approval.

This first session will be held on Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11, with deadline to apply Monday, June 30.

The second session will be held on Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 8, with deadline Monday, July 28. All sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Adult Soccer Is Sunday, Tuesday

Greenbelt's adult community soccer program, small-goal pick-up play for fun and exercise, is held year-round on Sunday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and on Tuesday from 7 p.m. to dusk. Games are played at Northway #1 field at the end of Northway.

There are no fees. For more information call Joan Falcão at 301-982-0257, email [jmfalcão@verizon.net](mailto:jmfalcão@verizon.net) or just show up.

## Explore Palin's Irish Rail Journey

Explorations Unlimited will continue its summer travel video series on Friday, June 27 with Michael Palin's Irish Railway Journey video. The Irish Railway journeys into the heart of Ireland and travels the country's eastern shoreline and cities from Derry, Belfast, Dublin, Wexford, Mallow and Tralee.

Interviews with local residents and business owners give more information about each city. Palin's goal is not only to become more familiar with some of Ireland's cities and share this information but the travel is also an opportunity for him to track his ancestral roots with the help of a genealogist.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge, Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend and discussions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Share your organization's activities on this page.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club met at the usual time on June 11 but we were disappointed as Dr. Chatrothi, the speaker for the meeting, had an emergency and could not attend. We hope to reschedule for a later date.

We played bingo and everyone had a good time and won some nice prizes.

Our Membership Committee reported we have 140 paid members, which is great. Many thanks to the Membership Committee of Phyllis Budin, Rose Remenick and Cathy Brannan. They have done a super job, mailing letters to members who do not attend very often and bringing the roster up to date.


Steve Brodd and Chris Cherry will lead a song fest on June 25. We will continue to have regular meetings through the summer.

Enjoy the summer weather in Greenbelt and try to keep cool.

## GIVES to Offer Additional Services

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) recently held its annual meeting. On the agenda was a discussion of the current GIVES services and services members would like to see added. Interest was expressed in receiving computer advice by phone or at home. Volunteers are needed who can offer such assistance. Those willing to be called on are asked to call GIVES at 301-507-6580.

GIVES now offers occasional help with laundry, visits to the homebound, light housework, meal preparation, minor home repairs, packing and moving, pet care, respite care, sewing and mending, shopping, transportation, snow removal, telephone reassurance and yard work.



Full spectrum a capella

### The Chromatics

with special guest Transatlantic Crossing

Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm New Deal Café

Food and drink for sale starting at 6:00 pm

A benefit for the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)  
Suggested tax-deductible donation: \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-17



## NEW DEAL CAFÉ

### GRAND OPENING

Wednesday, June 25

Join Chef Karim & Maria

- ❖ Mediterranean food
- ❖ Music and Arts
- ❖ Catering

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
Lunch & Dinner

Mon.11-3, Tues.11-9, Wed.11-9, Thurs.11-9,  
Fri. & Sat 11-11, Sun. 11-8

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## Academy Stadium Theatres

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**ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.**  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00

**ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00**

**ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.**  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

### Week of JUNE 20

**FRI. - SAT.**  
**The Happening, R**  
11:30, 1:30, 3:35, 5:45, 7:30, 10:15  
**Kung Fu Panda, PG**  
11, 11:30, 1:30, 2, 3:45, 4:15, 6:30, 9:00  
**Sex and the City, R**  
6, 9  
**Get Smart, PG-13 (!)**  
11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15  
**The Incredible Hulk, PG-13 (!)**  
11:45, 12, 2:20, 2:40, 5:05, 5:30, 7:45, 8, 10:15, 10:30  
**The Love Guru, PG-13 (!)**  
11:15, 2:10, 5:05, 8  
**You Don't Mess with the Zohan, PG-13**  
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12:20, 3, 5:30, 8

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

## 2008 HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

# Sunday, June 22

12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Tour Map/Brochure available at beginning of the tour  
GHI's Administration Building, Hamilton Place

Everyone is invited to enjoy a leisurely journey by taking our **Annual House and Garden Tour** on Sunday afternoon.

On view will be 14 homes and/or gardens between Gardenway and 57 Court Ridge Road.

The houses on the tour will display a variety of remodeling and renovation projects, and landscaped gardens that include sustainable practices. These practices include rain barrels, rain gardens, native plants, conservation landscaping, and indoor energy efficiency measures.





In Memoriam

## Ice Cream with Linda

I'm her Santa Claus, Easter Bunny and parade candy giver all in one. I first met Linda at Generous Joe's when I was dressed as Santa (don't ask). She became a child and called me Santa. With my costume on, she treated me differently and I immediately connected with her as a human being that moment and that began a friendship that lasted for the last three years, until her recent death.

I was also sort of her Easter Bunny because I found her at Roosevelt Center, her main perch, this past Easter depressed and yearning for an Easter Basket. Later, we were cleaning out the food at the New Deal Café and someone got the idea of giving Linda the huge frozen turkey and other foods.

We loaded her up on the foods and I gave her a post-Easter basket.

And when I was marching in last year's Labor Day parade, I saw Linda sitting like a little girl on the curb and I gave her some candies and trinkets and she was thrilled.

Over those three years, Linda and I shared many laughs, tears and hugs and we often made each other's days. I had to learn to hug her very gently because she was so, so thin. I still treasure her hugs and sweet kisses on my cheek.

She and I shared an Italian heritage although she could pronounce Italian words much, much better than I could. She was intelligent and literate as well as beautiful. She often read books or the News Review in her chair in the town center.

She was a fan of my articles in the News Review. She first learned I was the person writing the articles when I mentioned writing an article on coyotes.

She was unique in so many ways. Physically, she is the only person I ever met with two different colored eyes: one blue, one brown. She used to joke that this gave her husband two wives, depending on which side he looked at her from.

Sometimes she cried because her mother was dying. Other times she cried because she had been beaten.

That happened very recently and she commented on seeing me eating an ice cream cone at the Center. She hadn't seen me relax like that in a while. She believed in laughing, relaxing and letting go.

I gave her an ice cream cone, too, and she told me it felt good on her sore lips and she hadn't had one in five years.

After that, the last time I ever saw her alive was when I saw

her sitting on a bench outside Denny's in Greenway Center as I ate breakfast. She stopped by the table to say "hi" to me.

It must have been Monday, May 12 when I was startled to see her favorite chair marked "In Loving

Memory of Linda." There were flowers and a "Mother and Child" statue card. It seemed to hide some canned goods. And there was an offering of a fruit basket.

I bought an ice cream cone and shared it with her.

The memorial changed as days went by. I watched as one friend brought a wooden cross he had carefully made, with a marker inviting people to write notes to Linda.

Then her roommate came by with a cross of his own – tiles glued on the back of an old grandmother's clock. He left wiping tears from his face. He returned often, once bringing



PHOTO BY BILL MUNEV

a tray of her favorite french fries, donated by Generous Joe's. Another friend left her a cup of Joe's coffee.

Her roommate helped me solve one of the many mysteries around Linda – starting with whether she was homeless or not. He told me two years ago, probably in the winter, he had worked on her for a month to get her to take a room in his apartment to get out of the cold. She kept her things in that room and may have slept there at night.

But I doubt that was really a home for her, just another person's generosity, trying to help. So to me it answered the question: yes, she was homeless.

Most of the other questions and mysteries will never be solved, and maybe we should leave Linda some mysteries and

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### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

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**Acts 15-16**  
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### Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, June 28  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM



### Learn About Islam

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."  
– The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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### GIVE THANKS

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# LETTERS

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7:30 and 9 a.m.), I walk down Hillside/Greenhill, cross Crescent via the crosswalk, enter and walk around the lake once or twice and return home via the crosswalk at St. Hugh’s School. I, too, have had occasional problems at those crosswalks from unyielding cars. Almost invariably, the problem emanates from cars traveling from the Kenilworth direction.

When I initially approach either crosswalk and see a car coming from either direction, I quickly gauge the possibilities. If I think there is ample time for the car to pass by without interrupting my progress much, I raise my arm and vigorously wave that car on, so the driver need not unnecessarily stop or slow down for me. If, however, I believe I can cross safely with the car merely slowing down a bit (the speed limit or less), I raise the appropriate hand with the traditional stop/slowdown signal to alert the driver to slow down a little and allow me to cross, at the cost to him/her of a few seconds. Usually that maneuver is successful, the car slows down and I cross quickly without incident. Sometimes, however, the car continues at its same or even higher rate of speed and threatens my life. A couple of years ago, I experienced that likelihood two mornings in a row, from cars coming from Kenilworth. I doubt whether they missed me by more than 1 or 2 feet.

I reported both incidents to our local police. They in turn were kind enough to put up a warning sign at that crosswalk and a few days later, just before the crosswalk, one of those gizmos that show the oncoming car (from the Kenilworth direction) his varying speed levels. In my opinion, these measures had a marked dampening effect on oncoming cars and made crossing a much more viable experience. Alas, the gizmo stayed up only a couple of weeks before going elsewhere and I have not seen it since. Still, it had a soothing effect on car speed and manners while it lasted.

I still continue on my daily walks but with a higher degree of caution and, by and large, I have found most motorists do observe the rule allowing walkers the right-of-way on the crosswalk. Amusingly enough, sometimes a car will stop and allow me to cross unimpeded, even though I had vigorously waved it on.

In all my walking trips I have never encountered a car, which is behind one that had stopped to allow me to cross, pass that stopped car and me, on the shoulder – that would be scary.

As far as the St. Hugh’s flashing lights are concerned, I’ve gone by many times in the afternoon in my car (from Kenilworth). Most cars clearly abide by the requirement to markedly slow down (including me). However, I do have one caveat. Often those flashing lights seem to be unnecessarily on, apparently turned on too early. On those occasions I have observed absolutely no human activity emanating from St. Hugh’s School – no visible children, no adults and no cars trying to get entry to Crescent. Perhaps the timing of those lights might be addressed.

*Phil Brandis*  
P.S. Buses, I don’t fool with!

# LINDA

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privacy – and dignity. I’ve met many of her friends at her makeshift memorial and expect to meet more – she brought together people from all walks of life. We all shed tears and prayers inwardly or openly, some kneeling to pray by her chair. Some of us shared meals with her and brought her dignity, as she used to say.

I like to think of her now wearing the copper jewelry she bought at the last Green Man Festival, dancing, kissing, hugging, enjoying life with a hearty laugh and viewing life through beautifully different eyes.

Her mother died around the same time as she did, around Mother’s Day. That was so appropriate because she was a loving mother to her children and our children.

With all the mysteries surrounding Linda, we each have to choose the stories we like best – so I’ll choose the one that says she started spending her days at the Center so she could keep her eye on her daughters who then worked as lifeguards at the Greenbelt pool.

When I walk to the Center now, I feel her presence still and believe she’s now merged into the Mother and Child statue, because she was both and so much more.

– Donald L. Comis

# Good Samaritan Church Has VBS

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Lanham will hold a Power Lab Vacation Bible School program from Sunday, July 6 through Thursday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. The program begins with dinner. A free will offering will be collected.

Good Samaritan is at 10110 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-794-7300 or email mygoodsam@comcast.net.

# Sunday Is Reception For July Café Artists

The reception for artists Sarah Walker and Joseph Jackson will be held Sunday, June 22 at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9 p.m. All are invited to view their work and chat with the artists. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be up for June and July, and is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with supporting funds from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

# Diabetes Workshop Held Here June 28

On Saturday, June 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Roche Diagnostics, the manufacturer of the Accu-Chek Spirit Insulin Pump, will hold a free diabetes educational workshop on carbohydrate counting. The free community education program will be offered at the Greenbelt offices of David Granite, MD and Delbert Morales, MD, at 115 Centerway in Roosevelt Center.

# Astronomical Society To Meet on Thursday


The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be held Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m., at the Owens Science Center at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Dr. Michael A’Hearn, professor of astronomy at the University of Maryland, will talk about the EPOXI mission – a bit of a review of Deep Impact, plans for EPOXI at comet Hartley 2 and current results from EPOXI on extra-solar planets.

# Astronomical Star Party June 21

On Saturday, June 21 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

More information is available at [www.greenbeltastro.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml).



## Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

### NOMINATION FORM

#### Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 4 to:  
Robert Zugby, Chair  
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By:			
Name(s) (please print)	Signature(s)	Phone	
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Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person’s good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

*Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!!*



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# City Information

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, June 24th and 26th at 10am and 6pm: “Ask the Expert-Conversion to DTV” 10:45am and 6:45pm: “Recycling in Greenbelt.” 11am and 7pm “Greenbelt’s Galaxy.”

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, June 25th and 27th. 7pm: Your Body, Your Business, Your Health presents “Neuro-Feedback” 8pm -- The Quoditian Theater’s “The Mollusc.”

## GREEN RIDGE HOUSE APPLICATIONS

The Green Ridge House Rental Office will be accepting rental applications effective June 16-20 and June 23-27 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. For information call Donna Dant and the number is 301-474-7595.



## GREENBELT CARES: BABYSITTING COURSE

Wednesday, June 25, 10am-1pm  
Municipal Building

For students completing 5th-8th grade. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. For more information or to enroll, call: 301-345-6660, ext. 2016.

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

**Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee**

**For more info call 301-474-8000.**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 2pm - 8pm**

**Greenbelt Municipal Building**

“Donate Blood and Save a Life” co-sponsored by the Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.



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an equal number of spaces in the proposed structure that it now has at the station, felt the number could be substantially reduced. He noted that the federal government plans to go to four-day work weeks while staying open five days, the overlapping schedules would cut back on commuting trips.

Bottigheimer agreed that the proposed parking structure would be a dominant structure whose use would not be shared and he is somewhat offended by the concept. He would prefer to see parking structures used throughout the day but said he did not know how to achieve that result. He reiterated WMATA's requirement that all existing parking and bus bays must be replaced in the new development.

WMATA does not want the project to become auto-oriented, he said. Nor does it wish to interfere with the role of local governments. Bottigheimer said he is mindful, however, of the time limits imposed upon developers and that restudying this matter could cause problems. "We will have to try to live with what we have," he said.

Mathew Lattin, development executive for Petrie Ross, told council that at this time the company was focusing on finalizing a parking agreement with WMATA and not on other development. He noted that they have been working with Craze. Less parking would be less costly to the company, he said, but it must provide the required amount to support the planned development.

**Soccer Stadium**  
According to a May 6 memorandum to council by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the city had been advised that Petrie Ross representatives planned to attend the International Council of Shopping Centers exhibition in Las Vegas where it would show its North Core plan for Greenbelt Station with space for a soccer stadium and a 70,000 square-foot entertainment complex in the north and north-east corners of the property.

McLaughlin said that Petrie Ross representatives had told city staff that while "there are no commitments or agreements for a stadium . . . they are having no success in attracting a fashion or upscale retail anchor store."

Subsequently the city council had sent a letter expressing opposition to a stadium because such a facility would be utilized only about 30 times a year and would be idle and non-producing the rest of the time.

Petrie Ross consultant Robert DePietro, former mayor of Laurel, downplayed the company's involvement in the stadium proposal. He noted that the stadium idea came from Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot after the District rejected a proposal to build a D.C. United stadium across the Anacostia River from the new Washington Nationals stadium. Franchot urged that a stadium be built in Maryland.

A feasibility study of Metro sites is currently underway by the Maryland Stadium Authority. While a stadium model has been

prepared for the Greenbelt Station site plan model, DePietro indicated that models for a major department store or large office complex at the same site also existed. Depending on who came by their booth at the Las Vegas exhibition, the appropriate model to appeal to that potential customer would be displayed.

When District officials heard about Maryland's interest in a stadium, they renewed their interest in finding a suitable site within the District.

Davis reiterated the city's strong objections to locating the stadium in Greenbelt. She asked if the present construction market was affecting Petrie Ross decisions for Greenbelt Station.

Lattin said that the overall process for development went beyond market cycles. He felt the density plan for the property was still good. They are not deviating from the plan, he said, but development may be delayed.

Davis expressed concern about legislation proposed by County Councilmember Thomas Dernoga that would permit a 200,000 square-foot office use instead of an upscale store. This legislation was not yet available for review.

Craze commented that the agreement for development of the site was conditioned upon the presence of upscale retail and that such a legislative change would be a major alteration.

In his memorandum to council McLaughlin had reported that Petrie Ross representatives in their meeting with city staff had

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of June 15

National League:	W-L	American League:	W-L
Cardinals	15-1	Orioles	7-8
Indians	12-5	Giants	5-9
Yankees	10-8	Tigers	4-12
Athletics	3-12		

Major League Schedule June 16 - June 21

Date	Time	Games Playoffs begin 6/17/08
(7 Team Double Elimination)		
Mon., June 16	6 p.m.	Giants at Orioles (Game 1)
Tue., June 17	6 p.m.	Tigers at Yankees (Game 2)
Wed., June 18	6 p.m.	Athletics at Indians (Game 3)
Thur., June 19	6 p.m.	Loser Game 2 at Loser Game 1 (Game A)
Fri., June 20	6 p.m.	Winner game 1 at Cardinals (Game 4)
Sat., June 21	10 a.m.	Winner game 2 at Winner game 3 (Game 5)
Sat., June 21	1 p.m.	

All games are played at McDonald Field. (In the event of rain the games will be pushed back a day and two games will be played on Saturday.)

Major League Schedule June 23 - July 1

Date	Time	Games Playoffs began 6/17/08
Mon., June 23	6 p.m.	Loser game 4 at Loser game 5 (Game B)
Tue., June 24	6 p.m.	Loser game 5 at Winner game A (Game C)
Wed., June 25	6 p.m.	Winner game 5 at Winner game 4 (Game 6)
Thur., June 26	6 p.m.	Winner game B at Winner game C (Game D)
Fri., June 27	6 p.m.	Off
Sat., June 28	10 a.m.	Loser game 6 at Winner game D (Game E)
Sat., June 28	1 p.m.	

World Series begin June 30

Mon., June 30	6 p.m.	Winner game E at Winner game 6 (Game 7)
Tue., July 1	6 p.m.	If game

All games are played at McDonald Field. (In the event of rain the games will be pushed back a day and two games will be played on Saturday.)

indicated considerable interest in office space as part of the project and that the company was also considering pursuing a federal proposal for 900,000 square feet of offices for the Department of Health and Human Services.

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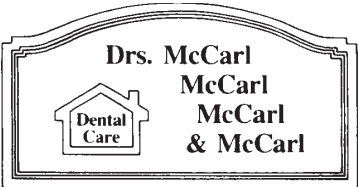


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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

June 6, 1:37 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, two people were robbed by three men, two whom were armed with handguns. One of the victims was also punched in the face, resulting in a minor injury. Two suspects are described as black males, both 17 to 20 years of age, 5'7" to 5'9", 140 to 150 pounds with brown eyes; one had black hair in dreadlocks and a dark complexion; the other had black hair and was wearing a white T-shirt and a skull cap.

June 6, 3:40 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a man was approached by a large group of high-school-age youths who assaulted him and took his cell phone. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.

June 9, 4:04 p.m., on the foot-path between Beltway Plaza and Breezewood Drive, a person was grabbed by two Latino males. They went through the victim's pockets, taking money and a passport.

### Assault

June 5, 7:30 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with second-degree assault. He was released on citation pending trial.

June 6, 3:50 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a nonresident youth was arrested for second-degree assault, disorderly conduct, disruption of school activities, disturbing the peace and trespass. Another nonresident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct, disruption of school activities, disturbing the peace, failure to obey a lawful order and trespass due to his involvement in a fight that began on the grounds of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The youths were released to parents pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

June 11, 6:08 p.m., 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a pool attendant denied entrance to a woman because of an invalid pass; the woman grabbed the attendant by the shirt collar and swung twice with a clinched fist, missing both times. She fled on foot. She is described as a black female with a dark complexion, 23 to 28, 5'3" to 5'6", 110 to 120 lbs., a braided ponytail, wearing a white sundress.

### Resisting Arrest

June 7, 2:17 a.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired. A resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest. A resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest and interfering with an arrest. Both residents were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court

commissioner. The nonresident woman was released on citation pending trial.

### Drug Arrest

June 5, 10:01 p.m., Beltway Plaza, two nonresident youths were arrested for possession of marijuana and trespass. Both youths were released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Trespass

June 6, 11:20 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested for trespass and released on citation. A second nonresident man was also arrested for trespass; he was found to have an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

### Disorderly Conduct

June 6, 7:52 p.m., Greenway Center, a resident man was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

June 8, 7:08 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

### Indecent Exposure

June 8, 11:44 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a nonresident man allegedly exposed himself to a hotel employee at the Holiday Inn. A warrant will be obtained following further investigation.

June 10, 3:06 p.m., 3 Court Eastway, a man in the backyard of a townhouse exposed himself to a woman as she was looking out of her window. The suspect is described as a white male, 6', 170 pounds with brown hair and a weathered face.

### Unattended Child

June 11, 1:54 p.m., Greenway Center, a man was arrested and charged with one count of leaving a child unattended and released on a criminal citation.

### Underage Alcohol

June 11, 3:46 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident youth was charged with possession of an alcoholic beverage and with using a tobacco product. He was charged on a juvenile petition and released to his father, pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Vandalism

June 7, 1:27 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a sliding glass door was reported as being broken.

### Burglaries

June 6, 1:56 p.m., 7900 block Belle Point Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

June 6, 11:46 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, it was reported that nothing appeared to have been taken but the front door and door frame were damaged.

June 11, 5:03 p.m., 7900 block of Mandan Road, it was reported that entry was gained by prying

open a second-floor window. A digital camera was taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a dark green Honda Civic 4-door, Virginia tags JEP5153 and a violet 1992 Honda Accord 4s, Maryland tags 9DNA55 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; and a red 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier 4-door, Maryland tags MMZ662 from the 100 block Westway.

Seven vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrest, five by outside departments with one juvenile arrest and one by the vehicle's owner.

Attempted theft of vehicles was reported at 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and 9100 block Edmonston Road. Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 and 7200 blocks Hanover Parkway (broken windows), 6900 Hanover Parkway (stolen GPS), 8100 Mandan Road (broken window), 9100 Edmonston Road (stolen catalytic converter), 9200 block Edmonston Road (domestic-related vandalism) and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (broken window).

## CARES

During the month of May, 15 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. Fifty-three individuals on average came on a weekly basis among whom 19 were 18 and under. Twenty-two students participated in tutoring services.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Kendary Cubero Paulino, a Prince George's County finalist in the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest, accepts a certificate from the Greenbelt City Council after she opened the city council meeting on Monday, June 2 and then read her essay. Paulino said if she were mayor, she would start a Boys and Girls Club in Greenbelt and hold a carnival every summer. She is a fourth grader at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The school's principal, Linda Sherwood, is at the far left.

## New Law Affects Child Passengers

Starting June 30 a new law will require Maryland's children up to age eight to use a child safety seat or booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle, unless the child is 4'9" tall or taller or weighs more than 65 pounds. This new law will help protect all children not yet big enough for adult seat belts to fit properly.

Proper fit for a seat belt means the lap-shoulder belt fits low on the child's hips and across the mid-chest. If the belt fits across the child's neck or stomach, the child could be injured in the event of a crash. The new law means some children who have been secured with adult seat belts under the current law will

have to return to a safety seat or booster seat.

The appropriate seat for most six to eight year olds is a booster seat – which is designed to raise the child so that adult seat belts will fit properly. Booster seats do not have harness straps, are not permanently installed in the vehicle and are generally the least expensive type of safety seat. For families who cannot afford to purchase a safety seat, loaner programs are available throughout the state.

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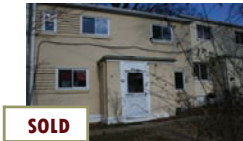
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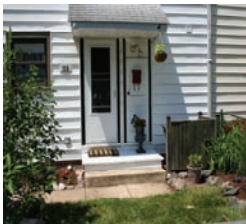
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– William Dunham, who is one of four Troop 214 Boy Scouts to be honored with a joint Eagle Scout Court of Honor on June 21. The four have completed all their Eagle Scout requirements, including planning and leading individual service projects in the community. Troop 214 Scoutmaster Shawn Scoles will preside over the ceremony at 4 p.m. at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road in University Park. Dunham is also a News Review carrier.

– Cindy Donn, who has been selected as the physical education teacher for the new Vansville Elementary School in Beltsville. Cindy grew up in Greenbelt and participated in all the city’s sports programs. Now a wife, mother and teacher, she is a member of two longtime Greenbelt families, as the daughter of Barbara and the late Sonny Osborne of Boxwood and daughter-in-law of Bert and Marge Donn of Woodland Way.

– Paul Sabol, who completed the Education-Parish-Service (EPS) program at Trinity University in northeast Washington. EPS is a four-year, part-time program in Scripture, Theology and Spiritual Development for Catholics who wish to improve their knowledge of parish ministries.

Kudos to two Greenbelters, Deborah Sward and Brian St. George, who are among county residents in a citizen’s group that is part of a Sierra Club Cool Counties initiative to study and recommend ways county government can reduce its environmental impact. The plan was unveiled at a press conference June 17, where the group urged the county to replace traffic lights with LED bulbs, use motion detectors to switch lights on/off in county offices, accelerate the planned county fleet purchase of hybrid-electric vehicles and to put the money saved into a special fund for future environmental projects.

There is a new plaque on a bench near the Mother and Child statue honoring the late Joe Wilkinson. In a program on June 1 members of the Greenbelt Lions Club and associates of Beltway Plaza dedicated the bench to memorialize Mr. Wilkinson’s “lifetime of service” to the Lions Club, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls clubs and other organizations.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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The Éclectique Moving Images Series and Academy 8 Stadium Theatre in Beltway Plaza will show L.A. filmmaker Mark Chervinsky’s documentary “The Sophisticated Misfit” on Thursday, June 26 at 8 p.m. with Chervinsky present to meet audience members.

“The Sophisticated Misfit” is a four-year exploration of the world of Shag, the unlikeliest of Los Angeles artistic icons. Chervinsky’s film, winner of the Newport Beach Film Festival Maverick Filmmaker Award, doesn’t reflect the multicultural urban milieu of contemporary Los Angeles but of an entirely different era. Shag’s world is one of early 1960s furniture, sprawling ranch houses, built-in wet bars and jet-set style, embracing a simpler time. Shag’s art is filled with subtle, humorous winks of the eye indicating that this period wasn’t quite so simple.

Smiling women in mod dresses hold secrets. The festive party scene in the go-go ’60s home isn’t really what it seems.

Shag has become an art-world phenomenon whose paintings have inspired obsessive fans around the globe, a Las Vegas musical and collaborations with Disneyland, Paul Frank and Hot Wheels. A trailer for “The Sophisticated Misfit” is at [www.smee.tv](http://www.smee.tv).

There is a fee.

**Family Fun Days At Montpelier**

To help celebrate its 225th birthday, Montpelier Mansion will hold Family Fun Days each month this summer beginning on Thursday, June 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 29 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The programs are free although a canned food donation for local food banks is requested. Families are invited to learn about American history by participating in a number of outdoor and indoor activities including colonial games, trying on 18th-century costumes, crafts and more.

Montpelier Mansion is at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197) in Laurel. For more information call 301-953-1376; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

**Menu for Senior Nutrition Program**

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for June 23 through 26 include:

Monday – Navy bean soup, hamburger on a bun, corn and peas, cole slaw, melon.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven-fried chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, canned pears.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, seafood pasta salad, lettuce and tomato salad, bag of popcorn, fresh apple.

Thursday – Orange juice, veal patty with sauce, green beans, whole boiled potatoes, lemon parfait.

Friday – All Sites Closed.

**NOI Open Rehearsal**

On Friday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m., Andrew Litton will conduct a free open rehearsal in preparation for the Saturday, June 28 concert by the National Orchestral Institute (NOI) at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The performance will include Gustav Mahler’s “Blumine,” Robert Schumann’s Symphony No. 1 “Spring” and Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 1 “Titan.”



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# Children’s Dance Show Takes Off into Space

by Anne Gardner

Over 60 dancers had a chance to shine on the Community Center stage at the “Greenbelt’s Galaxy” dance recital on Saturday, May 17. The stars were children age six and up from Samantha Fitschen’s ballet, jazz and music theater dance classes, offered weekly through the Greenbelt Recreation Department at the Community Center dance studio.

With the imagination and inventiveness we have come to expect from Fitschen, the different dance styles were tied together with a story. An explorer, expressively portrayed by Manuel Ayala Sapelli, flies his space shuttle through space. Soon he is surrounded by the twirling Northern Lights – the younger beginning ballet students wearing pretty blue and yellow tutus. A less pleasant experience follows when Space Junk, thrown at him from all sides by young jazz dancers, batters his space shuttle.

Our explorer is rescued just in time by Soteria, played by Geetika Reichmann, wearing traditional Indian costume and dancing a beautiful solo. The explorer lands successfully on the International Space Station, where he is happy to meet a group of fellow astronauts, a small group of Music Theater dancers in NASA jumpsuits who gave a lively and enjoyable performance to the song “Space Jam.”

The space shuttle leaves again and flies through the Solar System, which is portrayed by the beginning jazz class carrying models of the planets and orbiting the sun to the music of “Star Wars.”

Next on stage was a larger group of Music Theater dancers wearing tie-dye costumes, dancing and singing with great enjoyment to “The Age of Aquarius.” The older jazz dancers, dressed in sparkly white and silver, were Pulsars followed by Nebula, pretty young ballerinas in floaty dresses.

Finally, with an impressive performance, the most advanced jazz dancers slinked onto stage and danced around the explorer and his space shuttle as black hole matter. Just in time he escaped. Then all the dancers returned to the stage for the finale and bows.

The sold-out audience thoroughly enjoyed and applauded every part of the show and the children were obviously having fun performing on stage. Each piece of music fit the space theme and, thanks to the story line, the transition between each group of dancers was smooth, despite the very different styles of music and dance.

The dance program at the Community Center has expanded rapidly in the two years since Fitschen took over the dance studio. Weekly classes in Creative Movement for preschoolers are offered, as well as jazz, ballet and Music Theater dance for children aged six and up and Goddess dance for women.



Explorer Manuel Ayala Sapelli.



These astronauts invite the audience to come along on their adventure: from left Jamie Rogers-Sites, Destiny Sterling, Salena Johnson, Elat Goldstein and Jade Kienas.



Northern Lights: Left to Right. Back Row: Madison Davis, Alexis Johnson, Skylar Scheff, Tianna Johnson, Kayla Valdellon and Kathryn Turnbull. Front Row: Hannah Sturges, Marlena Groves, Samantha Wypych, Angel Dean and Autumn Williams.



Aquarius: Left to Right, Back Row: Julia Tartaro, Amelia Kendall, Clementine Morisette, Destiny Sterling, Taylor Koebler, Ella Wasniewski and Drew Brewster-Geisz. Front Row: Kathryn Turnbull, Elizabeth Gardner, Evan Wasniewski, Rafael Martins and Claire Kendall.



Soteris Geetika Reichmann. (The above two photos are by Anne Gardner.)



Space Junk: Left to Right, James John Thompson, Jamie Rogers-Sites, Salena Johnson, Jasmyne Morris, Jane Guager and Jade Kienas.



Nebulas: Left to Right, Jane Gauger, Elta Goldstein, Jasmine Depaz, Sarah Nichols and Jade Kienas.



Black Hole: Clockwise starting left, Jasmine Kienas, Maia Tooley, Olivia Guerrieri, Geetika Reichmann and Sara Guerrieri.



Pulsars: Back Row (unseen) Elena Shipley, Jennifer Clune, Morgan Townsend (seen) and Julia Gollin. Front Row: Sofia Zocca, Rachel Clune and Olivia Atlee-Louden.

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